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- 1. In Lithuania on the community level, local government authority is exercised officially by the Chairman of the local (community) Executive Committee. In practice, however, the real master of the community is the Partorg, without whose knowledge and consent the Chairman of the local Executive Committee can do nothing. In addition to selecting candidates for election, the Partorg determines when the elections shall be held.
- 2. The Communist Party, through the Partorg, nominates all candidates for election, both those who are Communist Party members and those who are "non-party". Everyone must vote for these candidates. Usually the voting starts at 6:00 am. As a rule, at about 8:00 am, the director of a propaganda-agitation punkt appears and urges that the "duty to the country" be executed as soon as possible. If anyone does not come to vote, his name is entered in a card index file of "unreliables" and a vote is cast for him, either by the director of the propaganda-agitation punkt or by the Chairman of the local Executive Committee. Election urns are taken to the homes of old people and invalids in order to obtaín their votes.

in 1951 most of the farmers cast their votes at home. An istrebitel armed with a gun and escorted by the director of the propaganda-agitation punkt would arrive on a farm in the early morning and present a printed card and coupon to the farmer. The latter had to tear the card from the coupon and put it into an urn; the coupon with the name of the farmer remained in the hands of the director of the propaganda-agitation punkt.

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